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I am writing to support the variances requested by Ryan Pantaleo for the house at 511 E. Ann Street. For me, it is not just an historic structure that represents the rich architectural heritage of Ann Arbor, it was the home of good friends. The Schmidts purchased their house at the same time that I bought mine on E. Kingsley and I spent lots of time there before Widd moved away from Ann Arbor. I am glad that Mr. Pantaleo is willing to put the time and resources into a restoration project that respects the character of that interesting house, inside and out. The cleverly designed addition will alter the property, but will not be obvious from the street. It is a much better use of the space than would be a parking lot for multiple tenant vehicles as we see in many rentals in the neighborhood.

As an officer in the Old Fourth Ward Association, I was concerned that the house would fall into the hands of someone interested only in the amount of revenue the property could generate, someone who would gut and reconfigure the interior with impunity. Mr. Pantaleo's vision is, of course, to make investment in the property financially worthwhile, but also to maintain its historicity and contribution to the charm of the neighborhood. Ann Arbor would benefit from more developers with a similar approach to their projects.

Sincerely,
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